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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PORG, YE

SUBJECT: YAR AND KOREAN VOTE IN UNGA

REF: STATE 181500; SANA 2520

SUMMARY. ACCORDING YAR FONMIN HANDI WON'T GO TO KOREA AFTER ALL AND YAR WON'T SPONSOR OR VOTE FOR PRO-COMMUNIST RESOLUTION IN UN. THIS PRESENTS SOUTH KOREA SERENDIPITOUS OPPORTUNITY TO BUTTRESS ITS POSITION HERE. END SUMMARY.

1. FRG CHARGE IN SANA, AS ACTING ON BEHALF OF CORE GROUP HERE, APPRAOCHED FONMIN ABDULLAH AL-ASNAJ ON JULY 28 ON KOREAN QUESTION.

2. ASNAJ TOLD HIM THAT TRIP PLANNED BY YAR PRESIDENT HAMDI TO NORTH KOREA IS OFF. (EMBASSY HAS SAME STORY FROM ANOTHER REALIABLE SOURCE, IN PRESIDENCY.) ASNAJ SAID CANCELLATION HAD BEENPRESENTED AS SCHEDULING PROBLEM, AND VISIT TO INDIA HAD ALSO BEEN CANCELLED, IN ORDER TO SHORTEN PRIOD HAMDI WILL SPEND ABROAD.

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3. FRG CHARGE ASKED WHAT IF ANY EFFECT ORIGINAL PLANS TO VISIT (AND SUBSEQUENT PLANS TO CANCEL TRIP TO PYONGYANG HAVE HAD ON YAR DECISION TO ABSTAIN ON KOREAN VOTE THIS FALL IN UNGA. ASNAJ SAID THERE WAS NO CONNECTION. HE SAID YAR IS FULLY INTENT ON CARRYING OUT ITS EARLIER DECISION TO ABSTAIN IN UNGA. IT WOULD NOT CO-SPONSOR OR VOTE FOR COMMUNIST RESOLUTION. HE WOULD PROBABLY BE IN NEW YORK HIMSELF FOR UNGA BUT INSTRUCTIONS FOR UNGA PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, AN OBEDIENT BUREAUCRAT, WERE IN ANY CASE CRYSTAL CLEAR AND WELL UNDERSTOOD.

COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, HIGH-LEVEL MESSAGE TO HAMDI OR ASNAJ SUGGESTED SANA REFTTEL BECOMES LESS USEFUL. IT MIGHT BE, IN ACT, MORE THAN WE WANT. EMBASSY CAN INSTEAD ROUTINELY FOLLOW-UP WITH ASNAJ, TURNING OVER TEXT OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH ON KOREA. THIS SHOULD SUFFICE TO MAKE OUR INTERESTS CLEAR AND COVER OUR POSITION. HOWEVER, EVEN IF WE PROCEED WITH MORE OR LEASS ROUTINE STEPS, BELIEVE CHANGE IN TRAVEL PLANS, AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF YAR DETERMINATION TO SHIFT ITS VOTE THIS FALL, PRESENTS GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR SOUTH KOREANS. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING FROM VISITING KOREAN DIPLOMATS (AND FROM YEMENIS) THAT ROK HAS BEEN INVITED TO OPEN EMBASSY HERE. THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO TELL YAR THAT ROK WILL ACT BEFORE FALL. ROK HAS OFFERED TO BUY SALT AND SEND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS, AND THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO TAKE PRACTICAL AND CONCRETE STEPS TO MAKING THESE OFFERS GOOD.  
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